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Disaster Plan Desk Audit

The Disaster Plan Desktop Audit (DPDA) is a unique and comprehensive service that examines an organization's written disaster plan or emergency operations manual and assesses the document on multiple levels of plan presentation as well as plan defensibility.

Leaders in healthcare organizations often realize their disaster plans and emergency operations manuals are in need of review and improvement. Our unique process provides an objective review by qualified evaluators and measures the facility's plan in accordance with best practices and current emergency management trends.

This detailed process is conducted by experienced emergency preparedness specialists who have extensive backgrounds in emergency planning, management, response, recovery, and code compliance. The DPDA service assesses a submitted disaster plan on 34 critical points of plan structure. Some of the areas of review include:

- General appearance and organization
- Utilization of "All-Hazards" planning and management
- Records of approval, changes, distribution, and updates
- Integration of an Incident Management System (Incident Command System)
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)
- Emergency resources and contact information
- Hazard vulnerability assessment (HVA)
- Collaboration and cooperation with other entities
- Specific emergency procedures (fire, flood, earthquake, terrorism, pandemic, etc.)
- Recovery protocols

Upon completion of the review, the client receives a comprehensive report that cites the organization plan's strengths, vulnerabilities, and areas in need of improvement. The plan is graded on a scale of *Strong*, *Moderate*, and *Weak* for defensibility and a scale of *Excellent*, *Satisfactory*, and *Poor* for presentation. Specific recommendations are provided for each line item determined to be deficient or in need of improvement.

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